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APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 1055 asked by Sri E. T. Kunhan at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 3rd March 1955, page 330 supra.]

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) There are 160 Harijan Welfare School teachers in the Malabar district. All these teachers have not been paid the increments due to them from 1947 onwards.

The pay of all these teachers was refixed in 1947. When some arrear bills of teachers were sent to the Accountant-General in 1950–51 for pre-audit, he stated that the pay refixation statement of 1947 should be got approved by him before the arrear bills were passed. This was under correspondence for some time between the Collector and the Accountant-General and the pay refixation statement could be got approved by the Accountant-General only in 1953. The increments were then sanctioned and some supplemental bills prepared. This work could not be attended to more expeditiously for want of special staff in the office of the Collector of Malabar. The Accountant-General further wanted that the Huzur Treasury voucher numbers of all the old bills should be furnished in the supplemental bills. When some of the supplemental bills were sent to the Accountant-General for pre-audit he returned them stating that he would depute an inspection party to Malabar shortly and that all the audit would be done at the concerned drawing office itself, so that the work might be done without inconvenience and delay. Accordingly a Test Audit Accountant deputed by the Accountant-General has checked the pay refixation statement with the service registers concerned. The Accountant-General has also since approved the pay refixation statement in respect of certain teachers and the rest are reported to be under check.

The employment of two lower division clerks has been sanctioned to expedite the work.

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